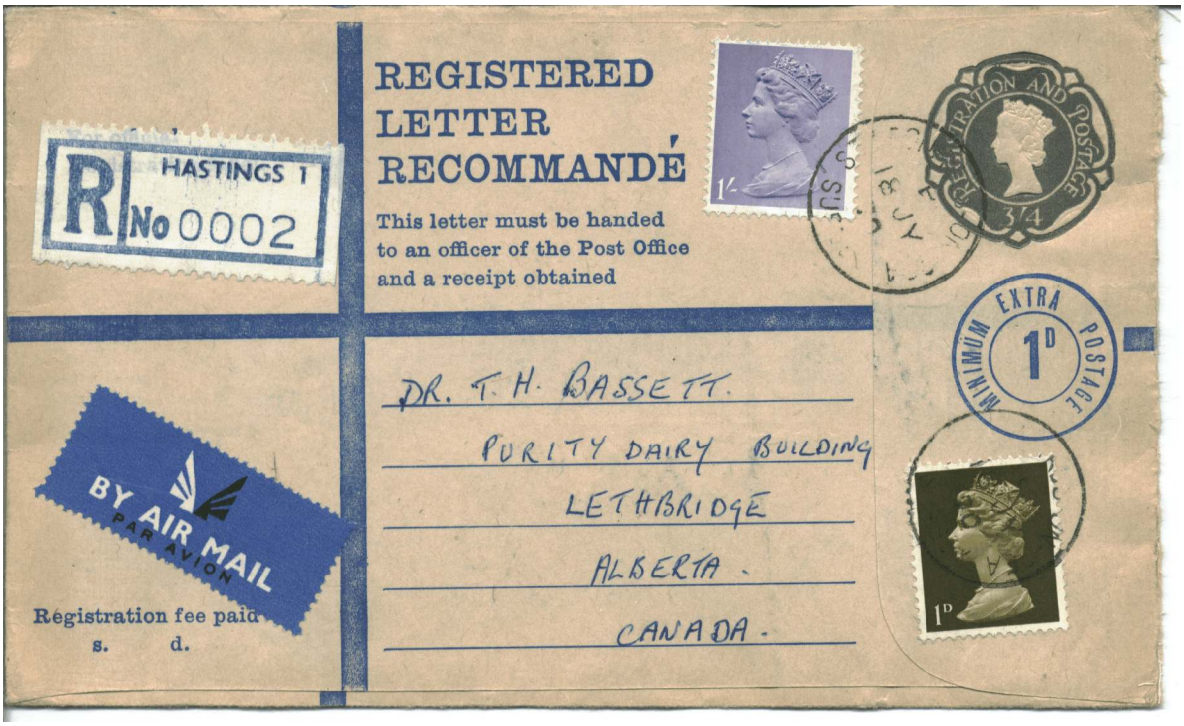
Great Britain: Decimal Registered Air Mail Letter Rates to Zone B
1971 February 15th to 1991 September 15th

The exhibit starts when Great Britain introduced decimal currency on 1971 February 15th. From 1947 January 17th until 1991 September 15th, the British Post Office used three zones for air mail rates to destinations outside the United Kingdom and Europe: Zone A (North Africa, and the Middle East), Zone B (the Americas, Central and Southern Africa, and South East Asia), and Zone C (Australasia and the Far East). With rate increases of 1991 September 16th, Zones A and B were formally amalgamated into a new Zone 1. In the 20 years and 7 months between the introduction of decimal currency and the amalgamation of Zone B with Zone A, there were 17 sets of rates for registered air mail letters to Zone B.

With decimalization, £1 (= 20 shillings (s) = 240 pence (d)) became 100 new pence (p). Thus, a shilling became 5p. The Zone B Air Letter Rate and Foreign Registration Fee did not increase with decimalization. The air mail postage rate to Zone B became 7½p per ½ ounce. The registration rate became 15 p.

Pre-Decimal Rates From 1966 October 03

1/6 Postage per ½ oz plus 3/- Registration



Rate:	Postage	1/6	Paid:	Stationery	3/5
	Registration	3/-		Stamps	1/1
	Total	4/6			4/6